3. During 1992-93 only Rs. 10.00 crores have been provided so far.

4. In order to protect the interest of disadvantaged groups, adequate safeguards would be provided for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, etc.

Water Problem of Rajasthan

4030. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that as many as 4280 villages in Rajasthan are facing the problem of excessive fluoride and the quality of under-ground water in many districts has deteriorated;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government had sent a Project Report with an estimated cost of Rs. 688.21 crores which was also proposed to be posted to World Bank; and

(c) if so what action has been taken till date in this regard and if not in what manner Government propose to solve this water problem of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The revised Project proposal covering 1597 villages with excessive fluoride in drinking water, 1000 villages with high salinity problem and 2000 villages with inadequate service level estimated to cost Rs. 400 crores has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) for seeking World Bank assistance.

Outcome of the South Asia Craft Meeting

4031. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent South Asia Craft meeting organised in Delhi by South-South Solidarity and Dastakar representing Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the South Asia Craft Meeting held in Delhi.

(b) The Government have not received any recommendations in this regard.

मध्य प्रदेश में सड़कों के निर्माण में आ रही बाधाएं

4032. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :**
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में वन क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाली नई सड़कों के लिए वन विभाग द्वारा उस भूमि का हस्तांतरण न किए जाने से निर्माण कार्य में बाधाएं आ रही हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि ऐसी सड़कों के निर्माण में तेजी लाई जाए क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई एच0 पटेल) : (क) और (ख) ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय ने मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार को राज्य के दस्युग्रस्त क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाली अनुमोदित सड़कों के निर्माण के लिए निधियां स्वीकृत की हैं । अनुमोदित सड़कों का वास्तविक निर्माण कार्य राज्य सरकार द्वारा किया जाता है । पर्यावरण तथा वन मंत्रालय वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अंतर्गत वन भूमि के अपवर्तन का अनुमोदन देने हेतु संबंधित मंत्रालय है । दस्युग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में सड़कों के निर्माण के प्रयोजन हेतु वन भूमि का अपवर्तन करने के लिए भारत सरकार के पास मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अंतर्गत प्राप्त कोई प्रस्ताव लम्बित नहीं है ।

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का निजीकरण

4033. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका मंत्रालय अपने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) और (ख) ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में कार्यों का निजीकरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । मंत्रालय राज्य सरकारों, पंचायत निकायों और गैर-सरकारी संगठनों की मार्फत विभिन्न योजनाएं कार्यान्वित करता है ।

Science Congress Meeting on Family Planning

@4034. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Science Congress at its three day meet on 3rd-5th January, 1992 discussed the problem of burgeoning population;

(b) if so, whether any modilities were worked out therein to tackle the population problem effectively; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

The Indian Science Congress met at Vadodara for 6 days between 3rd and 8th January, 1992 and deliberated on the focal theme "Science, Population and Development".

(b) and (c) The final recommendations from the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), which hold the Science Congress, have not been received by Government. On receipt, the recommendations are processed through an inter-ministrial task force set up for the purpose, to enable appropriate actions by the concerned departments and agencies. Salient aspects of the actions taken are also reported to the next session of the Science Congress through the release of the Task Force Report during the Session.

Migration of Scientists

4035. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Scientists and Technocrats migrated from India to other country during the last five years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : Some scientists and Technocrats from India do migrate to other countries. From a Pilot Study of selected IIT Graduates, it is clear that several go abroad for higher studies in the first instance and seek prolonged employment thereafter. It is, therefore, proving extremely difficult to keep track of the actual numbers of Science and Technology personnel deciding on staying abroad.

Commercialisation of the products assigned to the National Research Development Corporation

4036. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new products assigned during the last one year to the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) for their commercialisation and on what terms;

(b) the amount of royalty payable or lump-sum amount payable product-wise;

(c) whether NRDC has entered MOU with Government, Public Sector Eenterfor commercialisation of the products ducts and for releasing of their technology and technical know-how, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether NRDC is having financial assistance tied up arrangements with financial institutions for construction of such plants on turn key basis, if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) A list of the processes assigned to NRDC for commercialisation during 1991-92 is given in the statement annexed. (*See* below). The Corporation shares with R&D Institutions and individual inventers the premium and royalty realised from the sale of the processes in an appropriate ratio.

(b) Commercial and contractual confidentiality does not permit the reveling

@Previously Unstarred Question 2078, transferred from the 11th March, 1992.